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For: METHOD FOR ALTERING UNDESIRABLE
IMMUNE RESPONSES TO POLYPEPTIDES

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the office action mailed on June 26, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A Petition for an Extension of Time for two months, up to and including November 26, 2000, and the appropriate fee for a small entity, are enclosed with this response.

In the Claims

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1. (amended) A method to identify mutant polypeptides having altered antibody reactivity as compared to a first polypeptide, while retaining at least one desirable characteristic of the first polypeptide comprising

providing a collection of mutant polypeptides wherein the amino acid sequence of each mutant polypeptide differs in at least one position from [a] the first polypeptide [of interest], and identifying those mutant polypeptides within the collection that (1) have an alteration in